

Married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible.

Each marriage is a kind of "salvation history", which from fragile beginnings – thanks to God's gift and a creative and generous response on our part – grows over time into something precious and enduring. *Amoris Laetitia 221*



PROLIFE FACTS

David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill would allow for assisted suicide or euthanasia for people with terminal illnesses, or other "grievous and irremediable medical conditions."

Renee Joubert of Euthanasia-Free NZ raises the concern that disabled people could be included under both clauses of Seymour's Bill.

For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

St Michael's Scripture Study Group. We will meet again Sunday 7th October at 4.30pm in the meeting room beneath the Church. Topic - gospel readings for the next two Sundays. Everyone who has attended the meetings so far have commented on what enjoyable gatherings these are. All welcome. If there are any other parishioners who would like to come to these meetings, but Sunday 4.30pm does not suit, if there are sufficient numbers, we could set up another group. Interested? Please email Michael Pender with times that would suit. m.pender@auckland.ac.nz

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Sacred Heart College 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes. **Sunday 7th October at 7pm.** Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited.

Catholic Discipleship College Fundraising Quiz Night

Friday 26th October 7pm | Tickets \$10 pp, 8 people to a table | Raffles, BYO drinks and snacks, nibbles included
St Patrick's Church Hall, 133 Seddon Street, Pukekohe | To book or join a table: info@cdc.ac.nz 09 489 8197

All those who "Echo the Word", Catechists (RE, Sacramental, RCIA), Leaders of Children's Liturgy etc. are invited to celebrate and give thanks with Bishop Pat for their ministry.

Saturday 27th October 5.30pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. Validated parking available.

Let's Take a Walk Through the Mass

This is a workshop presented by the Liturgy Centre, Auckland Diocese, at Christ the King Parish, Ōwairaka on **Saturday 27th October**, 10am – 1pm (please arrive 9.30 to begin at 10am). This workshop explores the words and meaning of the Mass and how we participate in the Mass. It is for anyone who would like to know more about the Mass, or who would like to be better at explaining the Mass to their children or grandchildren.

To register please email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz and check out the poster on the noticeboard.

St Francis Retreat Centre – **Sunday 28th October** at 3.00 pm there will be a Celebration of the Eucharist led by Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, Guardian of St Francis Friary, to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Foundation Stone and the completion of the seismic upgrade of St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.

On this occasion we'd particularly like to acknowledge the founding purpose of St Francis Retreat Centre – to be a place of spiritual growth for the parishes, schools and the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Auckland. Afternoon Tea will follow Mass. RSVP by 11 October to admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz - see noticeboard for more details.

Reflection Day 'The Senses as Thresholds to the Soul' – 3rd November 2018 - 10.00am. to 3.00pm.

'Our senses link us intimately with the Divine around and within us. Through experiencing the richness of each of our senses, this day will enable us to celebrate the Universe and the Mystery alive in it'.

Facilitator: Ann Neven rsj | **Dates:** Saturday 3rd November - 10.00am. to 3.00pm.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland | **Cost:** \$30.00 waged. \$20.00 unwaged
Please bring own lunch. Tea & coffee provided | Registrations to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au

St Leo's Catholic School are celebrating their **125th Jubilee** on **Sunday 11th November 2018**, beginning with a celebration of Mass at 11am and followed by lunch, entertainment and a mix and mingle. We invite any past pupils, families or staff to help us celebrate. Bookings can be made on the website trybooking.co.nz/LN and more information is available on the facebook page St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee.

Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers, especially:

Peter Redican, Ruth Searchfield, Tony Vela, Leigh Coates, Gordon Hollingsworth

PARISH of ST MICHAEL

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY

5th October 2018

Parish of St Michael, Remuera
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Parish Priest: Father Tony Dunn
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Office Manager: Fiona Twomey

Baptism Preparation:

Pauline loelu

Religious Education:

Sr Francis Kelly (adults)
Emma Houghton (children)

Caring Co-ordinator:

Kathryn Schollum

Music Rosters: Tony Vela

Sunday Masses:

Sunday Eucharist:

8:00am, 10:00am, 8.30pm

Saturday Evening 5:00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday Cluny Convent 7:15am

NOT DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

(St Michael's) Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Saturday 8:00am

Wednesday 9:15am

Friday 12:05pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

After Mon, Tues, Thurs, 8am Mass

& 11am Friday

Anointing of the Sick:

First Friday of each month 11am

Exposition to follow

Reconciliation:

Friday 11:25am & Saturday 8:30am

or by appointment

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1. Genesis 2:18-24

2. Hebrews 2:9-11

Pastor's Column : 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

On October 14th two martyrs will be canonised. One, a red martyr, Bishop Oscar Romero, shot will be celebrating Mass in El Salvador and Pope Paul VI, a white martyr, not because he wore the Papal colours, but because he suffered greatly for speaking the truth in love. His is an extraordinary legacy of over-seeing much of the Vatican council; his encyclical *Ecclesiam suam*, on dialogue with the modern world, *Populorum progressio*, on responding to the needs of all, especially the poor, in the present economic order, *Humanae Vitae* on the family, and his exhortations on the Eucharist and also on Mission- *Evangelii nuntiatio*! *Humanae Vitae* is simply a commentary on the unambiguous teaching of Jesus, the Word of God, Himself. Maybe it can be summed up in the phrase: sex needs love, love does not need sex! The default position of human sexuality is celibacy. Celibacy comes from the latin word, *caelebs*, meaning alone. It is the ability to enter into the deep silence of one's inner being and discover there, the polarities of giving and receiving, which express the radical feminine and masculine dimensions of our deepest selves. The feminine emphasis is to receive in a giving kind of way, the masculine emphasis is to give in a receiving kind of way. The inner-work of silent aloneness is to bring about an inner marriage. This centers our powerful life=giving sexual energies, receiving them in such a way that they can just "be", so that we become free to respond spontaneously to another, rather than reacting compulsively. The fruit of such a radical deepening of our inner-silence, enables self-control, which precludes birth-control. God's original intent for human marriage is that it be exclusive and for life, always open to the God-given gift of new life. Jesus attitude of welcoming little children is the base-line attitude of the sacramental commitment of Christian marriage! When Pope Paul VI, like a lonely sentinel, simply re-affirmed God's intent for human marriage, quite literally, all hell broke loose. Sex needs love, love does not need sex! Human beings are not objects to be used, even if there is mutual agreement to do so. Human beings are persons, made in the image and likeness of God, called to conform their feelings to objective truth, not to try and manipulate truth to conform to their feelings. Challenging, indeed! Impossible, no! For nothing is impossible for God. Yanus Lipski lectures in neuro-physiology at Auckland Medical School. In describing the various neurotransmitters that carry messages in the brain, he names Nitric Oxide, whose chemical formula is NO! As an aside he throws down a gauntlet to his students in saying, "Even the brain, knows how to say No!"

Father Tony Dunn

St Michael's Mission Statement

We the parishioners of St Michael's as a Eucharistic family seek to live and share our faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

28th Sunday Ordinary Time: 13th & 14th October 2018 : Roster

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm I. Ilo-Cabiling, A. Martin, C. Mendoza, T. Parsons, M. Parsons
Sunday 8.00am J. Esguerra, T. Fitness, F. Hay-MacKenzie, A. Hettiaratchi, C. Hettiaratchi
Sunday 10.00am R. Murray, N. Platt, P. Porteous, A. Segedin, J. Spencer, A. Stevenson,
E. Taumoepeau, P. van Ryn

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:

Saturday 5.00pm Sr Alice Hardiman, Paul Reid (PoF)
Sunday 8.00am Catherine Husheer, Kerry McKewen (PoF)
Sunday 10.00am Paula Middleton, Sue d'Young (PoF)

COLLECTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Birgita Muller
Sunday 8.00am Mike Molloy
Sunday 10.00am Denise Valerio

COUNTERS:

Parish Office

LAPTOP OPERATORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Enzo Villarama
Sunday 8.00am Bernard Kendall
Sunday 10.00am Jennifer Cordtz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday 5.00pm: Destiny Jayamanne, Hans Jayamanne, Hiranya Fernando, Sophia Canale
Sunday 10.00am: Denzel Devaraj, Caleb Price, Zander Cabiling, Stella Valerio

SANCTUARY CARE:

John & Maria Reyna

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MUSICIANS/CANTORS:

Saturday 5.00pm Alice O'Neill, Cassey Wooler
Sunday 8.00am Edmond Wong
Sunday 10.00am Alleluia Choir

Readings 13/14 October

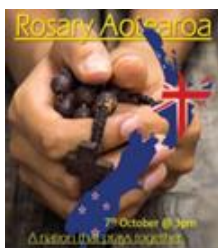
1. Wisdom 7:7-11
2. Hebrews 4:12-13



\$4 in the paper box in the foyer

2019 Columban Art Calendars are available for sale in the Church Foyer. \$12 each. Please "post" the money in an envelope through the drop box at the front door of the Parish House or put in the Paper Box in the foyer.

NOTICES



October, is the month of the Rosary. "Rosary Aotearoa" invites you, as the people of God, to come together on **Sunday 7th October** this year to pray for ourselves, our church and our nation. Wouldn't it be great if, at 3pm that day, representatives of every Catholic community around Aotearoa, from Cape Reinga to Stewart Island and the Chathams – our parishes, our schools, our families – gathered together to pray through Mary our Mother for all our needs?

We invite our parishioners, school and community of St Michael's to join us at the church at 2.30pm for a presentation and be ready for prayer at 3pm.

"The Rosary is a school of Prayer. The Rosary is school of Faith" (Pope Francis)

Exam Assistance at Sacred Heart College - Volunteers Required

Sacred Heart College is seeking volunteers to assist with exams. This assistance involves working alongside a student who qualifies for special assessment conditions, by reading the exam questions to him and/or writing down his responses.

We require reader/writers for the **Junior exams which run from Mon 29 – Wed 31 October** (morning session at 9.00am, afternoon session at 1.10pm. Exams could run up to 2 ½ hours). This is an unpaid role and may suit parents, grandparents and university students. No experience necessary.

If you think you would be able to assist, even if it is for just one exam session or day, or would like more information, please contact Ann Howard on ahoward@sacredheart.school.nz or 09 5293660 x790

St Michael's Rosary Group meets weekly on Tuesday at 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish House.

Contact Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692 or acotton@maxnet.co.nz

Becoming Church Programme 2019 - Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Enrolments are now open for 2019. The programme is suitable for children Year 4 and up (> 8 years as at 1st May 2019). Please visit the St Michael's Parish website <http://remueracatholic.org.nz/community/> for dates, enrolment forms and further information. A parent information evening will be held in the St Michael's Catholic School hall on **Wednesday 14th November at 7:30pm**. It is mandatory that parents who have enrolled or are planning to enrol their child in the programme attend. The evening will outline the format and content of the course to give a clear understanding of what is involved. Any questions, contact Emma Houghton at stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com.

Legion of Mary has a Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima available for circulation around all St Michael's Parish homes. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your homes for a few days, please contact either Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or Anne Cotton on 520 5335 or 021 644 692.

Legion of Mary meets weekly on Sundays from 9-10am in the Parish Centre. All welcome to attend. Contact Carole Kenealy on 524 8422 or 021 152 1724 or carole.kenealy@gmail.com

Marlena Devoe Concert – Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Entry by donation. Marlena was cantor at the Cathedral for some time & is fundraising to help with the costs of her tuition in Italy.

The 2018 Students of the Catholic Discipleship College presents the production **"The Little Prince" Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November 2018**. Doors open at 6pm | Begins 6.30pm St Patrick's Church Hall, 133 Sneddon Street, Pukekohe. Ticket Cost \$10 Adults \$5 Kids (under 12). Hot food and drinks available for purchase. For information visit: www.cdc.ac.nz/thelittleprince Ph 09 489 8197

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **The Laudato Si Pledge** with Fr NEIL DARRAGH. Thurs 11 Oct, 7-9pm. \$15. A key concept in 'Laudato Si' is that of an 'integral ecology' that is both realistic and respectful of the interconnectedness of all things. This talk explores the concept and how it could change our lifestyles.

- **Connectedness: Christian Adult Resilience Programme** with JENNY BELL. Sat 13 Oct, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$75 incl. book BYO lunch. In the workshop you will learn social and emotional resilient strategies that foster your sense of connectedness.

- **Connections Series: A Biblical Panoramic World View** with Fr KEVIN WALDIE. Weds 17 & 24 Oct, 7-9pm. \$15 each talk. During these talks we will focus on passages of Scripture that offer insight into our common humanity and the faith that binds us together as God's own family. So, in each session we will be looking at texts that speak about natural faith and life connections.

See website www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz Bookings essential. Register: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz.

Exploring Sacred Spaces The Auckland Inter-Faith Council has organised five great visits this year as part of the AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL [#AKLHeritage](https://www.aucklandheritagefestival.org.nz/)

Come along and bring your friends. See the venues, learn about the history and heritage of the faith communities, enjoy light refreshments. Free and no bookings required.

2) **Saturday 6 October 2018** Bharatiya Mandir (Hindu Temple), 252 Balmoral Rd, Mt Albert, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

3) **Sunday 7 October 2018** Auckland Hebrew Congregation, 108 Greys Ave, Auckland Central, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

4) **Friday 12 October 2018 EVENING** Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (plus tour of two other local churches) Assemble 97 Galway St, Onehunga, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

5) **Sunday 14 October 2018** St John's Theological College, 202-210 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Jubilee Bursaries for theology studies at University

The Bursaries are towards University fees for Theology courses. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. Applications for Semester 1, 2019 close Thursday 15th November 2018. For further information and an application pack, please contact:

Michelle Jarvis, michellej@cda.org.nz, Ph 09 360-3091, Catholic Schools Office, Pompallier Diocesan Centre

The **Annual Rosmini Golf Tournament** (Ambrose Format) takes place on Thursday 29th November 2018 at Waitemata Golf Club in Devonport and we would love your support. For more information please contact organizer Oliver Lee. E: oliver@oliverlee.co.nz or T: 0274 599503



Reflection Day 'Taize' – Friday 14th December 2018 Registrations to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosi.org.au

A meditative, candlelit service which will include singing of chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and ample time for a quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace.

Facilitator: Jill McLoughlin rsj **Date:** Friday 14th December 2018 - Both 7 pm to 8 pm

Mary MacKillop Centre - 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland. Light supper served at conclusion.